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ILHIE Welcomes Raul A. Recarey as New Executive Director



On September 14, 2012, Governor Pat Quinn announced the appointment of an accomplished healthcare industry administrator to serve as the first executive director of the Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority (HIE). Raul Recarey will lead the state's efforts to collaborate with the healthcare industry in establishing a secure, accurate statewide exchange of electronic health information

Recarey joins ILHIE with an already deep understanding of health information exchange. He most recently served as President of the State of Missouri Health Information Exchange and before that he was COO and Acting Executive Director of the West Virginia Health Information Network (WVHIN).

"Improving healthcare outcomes and controlling costs are a major priority for my administration," said Governor Quinn. "Raul Recarey brings vast experience in the public and private healthcare industry to the effort that is already well underway in Illinois to establish a secure health information exchange. The goal is to provide healthcare professionals with complete and accurate information on patients at the point of care. This empowers them to make better decisions on what treatments and therapies are needed to restore the patient to health and to keep them healthy."

National Health IT Week



To mark the important role health information technology plays in improving health care delivery across Illinois and throughout the nation, the Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE), the Illinois Health Information Management Association (ILHIMA), the Greater Chicago Chapter of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (GCCHIMSS) and others across the country have joined together to
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celebrate National Health IT Week during the week of September 10, 2012. National Health IT Week is an opportunity for public and private healthcare constituents to work in partnership to educate industry and policy stakeholders on the value of health IT for the US health care system. There is no better time for ILHIE, ILHIMA, GCCHIMSS and the health IT community to come together to raise awareness.

To learn more about ILHIMA please visit: <http://ilhima.org>.

To learn more about GCCHIMSS or HIMSS please visit: <http://www.gcchimss.net> or <http://www.himss.org>.

Communicate Fully, Securely and in Real Time With ILHIE Direct

Nearly 1,000 providers in Illinois are currently signed up to exchange patient health information electronically through ILHIE Direct, (an encrypted, HIPAA compliant email service) across organizational borders with and without an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system.

Use ILHIE Direct daily to send or receive documents such as clinical summaries, referrals, and transitions of care to anyone with an ILHIE Direct email address.

Instead of sending faxes and US mail a clinic sends referrals to a specialist in real time through ILHIE Direct allowing the specialist to have critical health information before the patient arrives. The specialist has more quality time with the patient, the patient has fewer forms to fill out and there is no need for additional communication to the clinic requesting more information.

Why wait? Exchange clinical data now through ILHIE Direct, offered at no cost throughout 2012 to professionals involved in patient care. Providers can also achieve Stage 1 Meaningful Use by sharing clinical data using ILHIE Direct. ILHIE Direct also serves as a gateway to the more robust Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE). Visit the ILHIE Direct landing page at <http://ilhiedirect.net>.

The [Illinois Health Information Exchange \(ILHIE\)](http://www.hie.illinois.gov/) is a statewide, secure electronic network for sharing clinical and administrative data among health care providers in Illinois. The ILHIE allows providers to exchange electronic health information in real time and in a secure environment to improve health care quality and patient care. The [Illinois Office of Health Information Technology](http://www.ohit.state.il.us/) is working with the ILHIE Authority to support its development. To learn more about electronic health information exchange in Illinois visit www.hie.illinois.gov/

